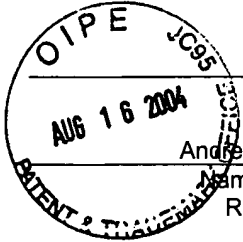



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In re Application of:

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For: MOUNT FOR TRUCK MOUNTED  
ATTENUATOR

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

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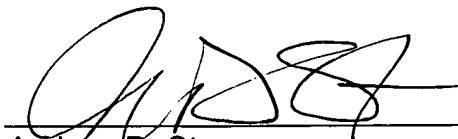
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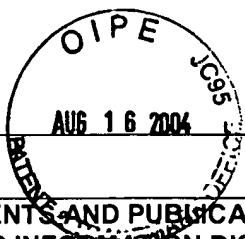
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Respectfully submitted,

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